

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Bell House (preferred name)
Quarters AA Tenant House

Property Name: (Building 969) Inventory Number: SM-360

Address: 22528 McCoy Rd. City: Patuxent River Zip Code: 20670

County: St. Mary's USGS Topographic Map: Solomons Island Quad

Owner: Naval Air Station Patuxent River

NAS
Patuxent

Tax Parcel Number: River Tax Map Number: N/A Tax Account ID Number: N/A

Project: _____ Agency: NAVY

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: *Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, Historic and Architectural Resources. National Register of Historic Places, Multiple Property Documentation Form (draft final). Prepared for Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland by Louis Berger and Associates, Inc., East Orange, New Jersey, 2000.*

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The circa 1907 tenant house is located approximately 2,250 feet south of the main dwelling known as Quarters A - Mattapany and approximately 50 feet from Millstone Road. It currently serves as Quarters AA for NAS Patuxent River (NAS Pax River). The house is a two-story, gable-roofed, frame structure built on an L-shape plan, set on a foundation of poured concrete clad in composition siding and roofed with asphalt shingles. The main block, with its principal or northeast façade of symmetrical three-bay design, is an example of the center passage, single-pile type. A small entrance porch protecting the doors is a 20th century feature. In stylistic terms, the house represents a relatively simple rendition of the Colonial Revival of its period. This style is evoked by the six over six double hung wooden sash flanked by louvered shutters, the molded box cornice with returns, the brick chimneys at either end of the block in partly external partly internal positions, and the principal entry with its six-panel door, transom, and sidelights. The building was built as a tenant house for the farm, however when the Navy took the property over in 1942, the property became a residence for senior officers stationed at NAS Pax River.

The interior of the house consists of a center passage plan with one room on either side of the stair passage. The stair rises against the west wall in a straight run to the second floor. The interior trim is plain and the fireplaces are faced with brick and trimmed with a molded shelf. The second story has been renovated and the original center passage plan has been modified to

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Comments: _____

Patricia M. Bluck 12/31/01 ✓

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, NR program

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

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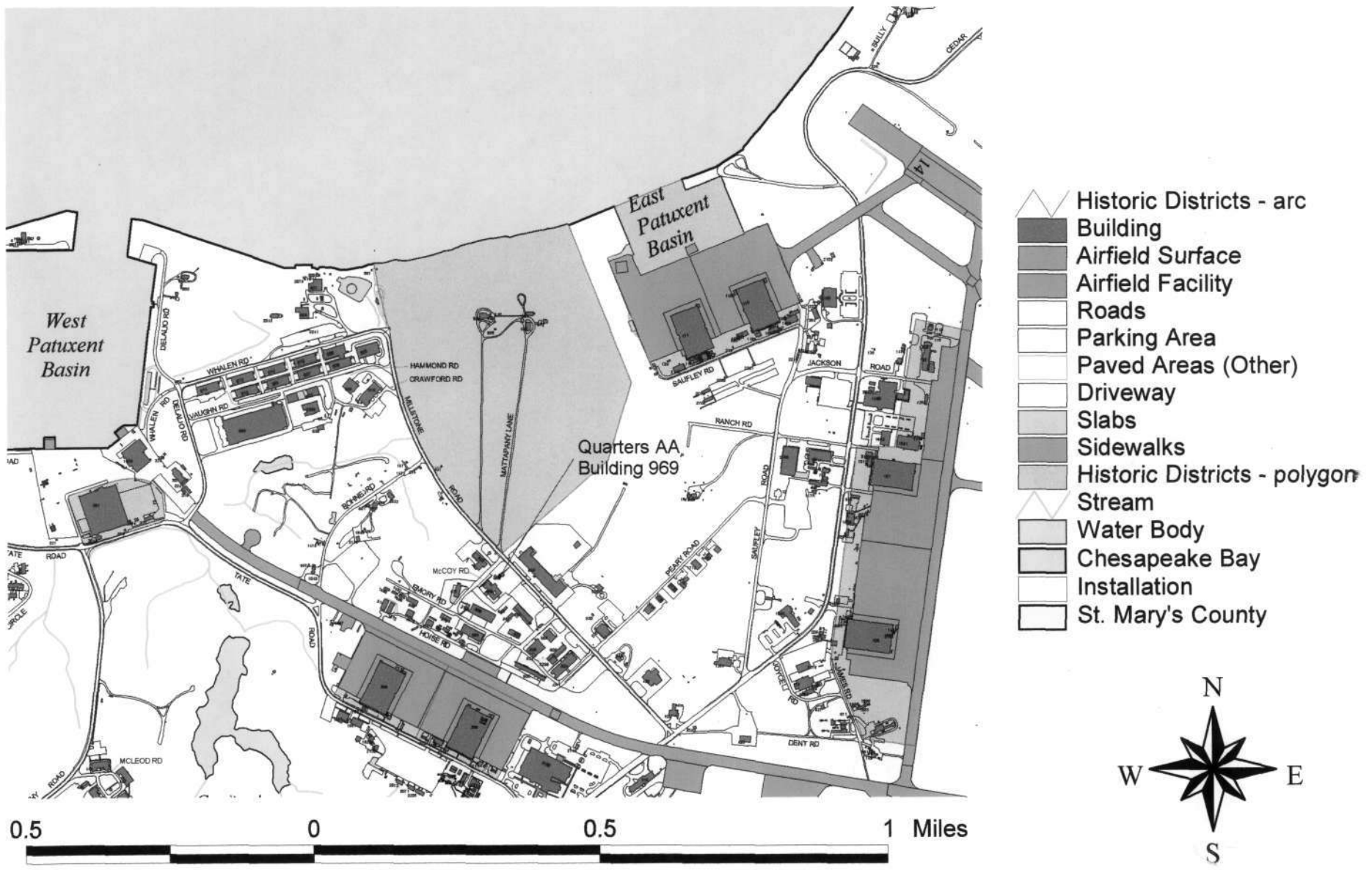
form three bedrooms and one bathroom. A fourth bedroom is located on the second story of a wing that was added to the rear of the house.

While the property is associated with the Mattapany Historic District, it is the Navy's recommendation that the property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is separated from the historic district by Millstone Road, and adding it to the district would create a discontinuous district boundary. The building itself has been severely altered over time, therefore reducing the remaining integrity of the building, and there is another house included in the district with similar construction and style. As a result, the Navy is recommending that Quarters AA is not eligible for the National Register.

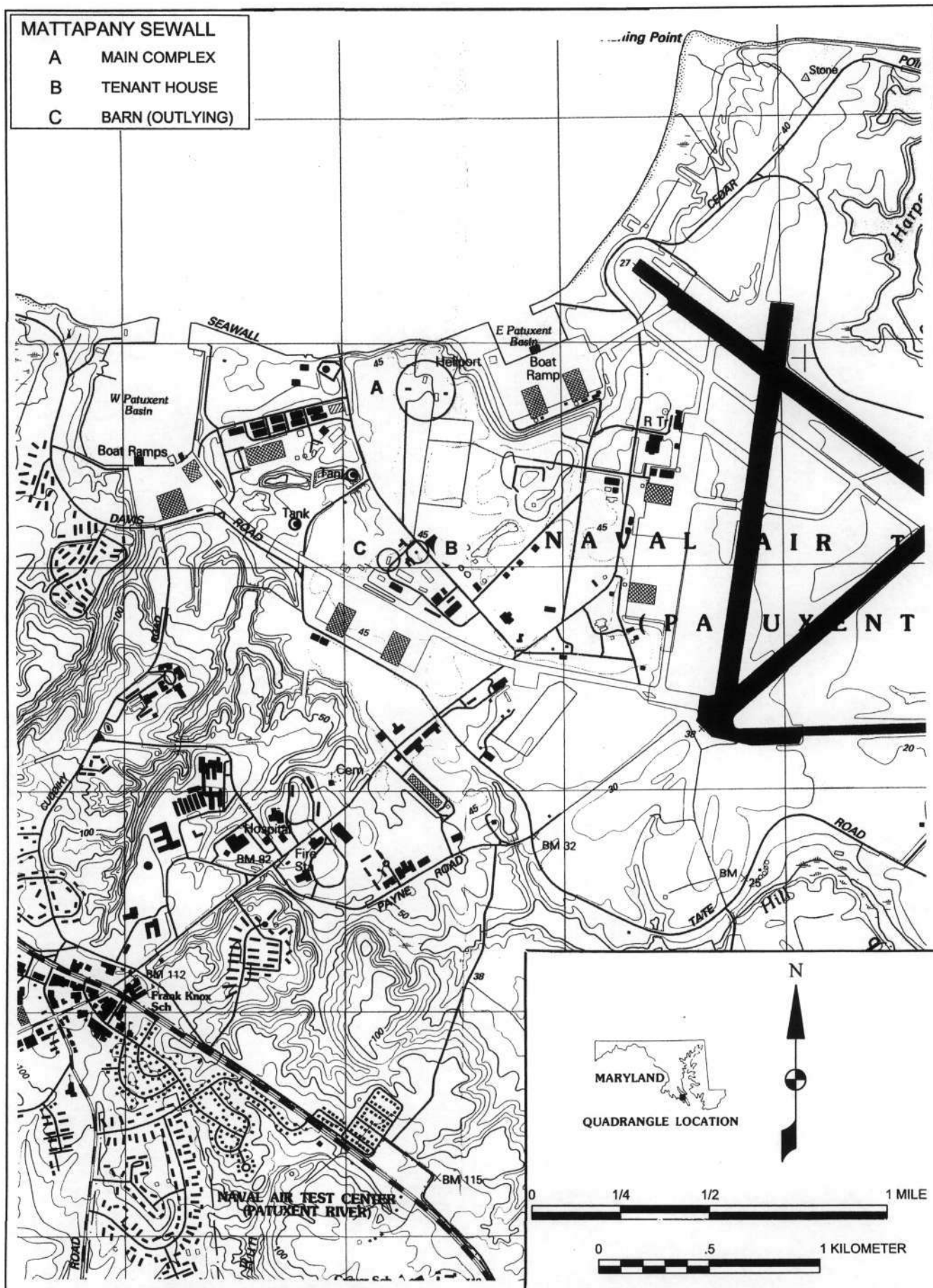
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NAS Patuxent River

Date Prepared: November 15, 2001

NAS Patuxent River - Base Map - Main View



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Location Map for Mattapany-Sewall Complex

SOURCE: USGS Quadrangle, Solomons Island, MD 1987



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Quarters AA, view E

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Quarters AA, view N

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bell House (preferred)

and/or common Quarters "AA"/Building #969

2. Location

street & number In Patuxent River Naval Air Station on Millstone Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Lexington Park ☒ vicinity of congressional district first

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of the Navy, U.S. Government

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber JMM 8

street & number folio 18

city, town Leonardtown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.



9. Major Bibliographical References

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Thomas, Armstrong. The Thoms brothers of Mattapany. (1963)Homeowner's Loan Association, Valuation Analysis and Conclusions (1942). Ms. on file,
Southern Maryland Regional Preservation Center, St. Mary's City, MD.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Bell House

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The Bell House is a 2-story frame dwelling traditionally believed to date to the third quarter of the 19th century. The main part of the house, oriented in an east-west axis, is five bays wide and one room deep with brick chimneys at either end of the pitched gable roof. A 2-story frame wing on the rear or south facade is early is not original.

The principal facade of the house faces north toward Millstone Landing Road. The entrance is located in the center bay, framed by a three-light transom and six-light sidelights and flanked by two large six-over-six windows on either side. A pair of four-over-four windows is centered on the second story of this facade, flanked by single six-over-six windows to east and west. A small entrance porch protecting the door is a 20th-century feature. The house rests on a stucco or concrete foundation and is now covered with aluminum siding. The eaves are sheathed with aluminum and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The chimney on the east gable projects nine inches from the wall, and is flanked by large six-over-six windows on the first and second stories. Small ventilators flank the chimney in the upper gable. The exterior is covered with aluminum siding; the gable eaves are boxed and return at the second-story eave.

On the west gable wall, the chimney is offset to left (north) of center, and also projects about nine inches from the wall. Paired six-over-six windows to the right of the chimney on the first and second story are the only openings. A ventilator is located to the south of the chimney in the upper gable. The foundation, siding, and eaves match the east gable,

The rear facade of the main house is partially concealed by the two-story rear wing; is offset to left (west) of center to form a modified "T" plan. There are single six-over-six windows on the first and second story of the east bay of the rear facade and one four-over-four window in the west bay of the first story. The remainder of the rear facade is concealed by the wing. The foundation, siding, eaves, and roofing match the front facade.

The rear wing is nearly square, measuring two bays by two bays, with a pitched gable roof set perpendicular to the ridge of the main house.

On the west facade, there is a door in the south bay and a six-over-six window in the north bay of the first story and two six-over-six windows on the second story. A one-story enclosed porch protects the first story entrance and preserves earlier plain horizontal siding.

The east facade of the wing is similar to the west facade, but the entrance is protected by a simple gable-roofed entrance hood rather than a porch.

On the south gable wall, there are two six-over-six windows on the first story and one six-over-six window in the east bay of the second story. The foundation, siding, cornice, and roofing ~~XXXXXXXX~~ match the main house.

The interior consists of a center passage plan with one room on either side of the stair passage. The stair rises against the west wall of the passage in a straight run to the second floor. It is a closed-string stair with square newel posts, turned balusters, and a molded rail. The interior trim is plain, the fireplaces are faced with brick and trimmed with a molded shelf.

The second story has been renovated and the original center passage plan modified to form three sleeping chambers and one bathroom. A fourth chamber is located in the second story of the wing.

A trap door in the ceiling of the passage allows access to the attic. The roof of the main house is constructed of circular sawn material nailed with wire nails. The roof of the wing is contemporary with the main roof but each joint is nailed with a mixture of wire and machine-made nails. This may indicate that the roof has been rebuilt, but more likely it suggests a construction date of circa 1890, when wire nails were first coming into general use in this region.

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The Bell House is a good representative example of a two-story, three-bay farm ~~h~~house with a "T" plan incorporating an early or original wing. Thomas (1963) suggests that the house had been built by 1873, but the architectural evidence suggests a somewhat later date.-- circa 1890.

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Hog Pt

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Pearson Creek

Harper Creek

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